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1. Number of Standard Gauge Passenger Cars Available:

a) Park of Operational Passenger Train Cars

Special cars	196
Express train coaches	66
Fast train cars	175
Four-axle passenger train cars	703
Two- and three-axle passenger cars	598
Four-axle luggage vans	25
Two- and three-axle luggage vans	1001

Total: 8984

b) Railroad Service - Passengers Cars:

Cars used by brigade personnel. 552

Cars used by Duterte escort :

personnel 152

Hospital train reserved for
the Soviet High Commissioner

Construction trains

First-aid trains	162
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Measuring cars	12
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Training Cars	18
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Miscellaneous service cars 232

Costs	1816
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Grand total of standard-gauge passenger cars:

528

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2. Numbers of Narrow-Gauge Cars Available:

600-mm gauge:	21
730-mm "	587
900-mm "	34
1000-mm "	126

Total:	768	2
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3. [] the high percentage of railroad service passenger cars is significant. Of 10,900 passenger cars available, 1,816 units, i.e. 17 percent of the total, belong to this category. One hundred ninety-six passenger cars are assigned to special trains; therefore, of every 100 passenger cars in existence, about 20 are not available to the public. This situation requires greater efforts in repairing damaged passenger cars. The conversion, at the Berlin-West railroad repair shop, of 150 boxcars into cabooses made it possible to release about 75 passenger cars from the park of railroad service. Not counting the passenger cars used by locomotive column brigades and the Soviet High Commission, it is believed that of the remaining 1,064 railroad service passenger cars, 200 units may be reconditioned for normal passenger traffic.

4. [] Comment. On 31 January 1952, the following numbers of passenger cars were available:

Type of Cars	Operational	Damaged	Total
Express train coaches	584	98	682
Fast train cars	243	10	253
Passenger train cars	6294	179	6473
Loggage-vans operating in passenger trains	1173	73	1246

The brigade cars mentioned in paragraph 1 b of the present report are used as cabooses by locomotive brigade personnel operating for the Soviets through Poland. Derutra personnel escorts Soviet supply and other "interest shipments" such as uranium ore shipments.

2. [] Narrow-gauge passenger cars available on 31 January 1952 included 754 operational and 98 damaged cars, i. e. a total of 852 cars.

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